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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Jeffrey M. Wendlandt Confirmation No.: 2520
Serial No.: 10/072,697 Examiner: B. Pantuck
Filing Date: February 7, 2002 Group Art Unit: 3731
Docket No.: 1001.1440101 Customer No.: 28075
For: SURGICAL CLIP WITH A SELF-RELEASING FLUID RESERVOIR

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on June 23, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Amendment
 No additional claim fee required
 The claim fee has been calculated as shown:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
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	REMAINING CLAIMS	HIGHEST PAID	EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23 -	21 =	2	X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$36
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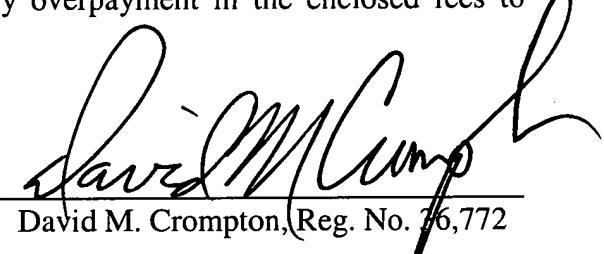
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[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.

[] Other: _____.

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